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Work starts on 2012 shooting venue

HOARDINGS have gone up around Woolwich Common as work begins on the Olympic shooting and Paralympic archery venue.

Temporary shooting ranges and seating stands are to be erected at The Royal Artillery Barracks and the northern part of Woolwich Common.

The Barracks is the centre of the shooting events at the Olympics next summer, and the construction work which started last month is due for completion in January 2012.

Three indoor ranges and an outdoor range are being built.

The work is being undertaken by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA), which is responsible for the construction of the venues and infrastructure required for the London 2012 Games.

Quarterly meetings about the programme are taking place for residents to voice their concerns.

There are three events in shooting which will be held at the Woolwich site at the Games next summer: Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun competitions.

In pistol and rifle events, competitors fire at a target from a set distance within an enclosed range. The shotgun event comprises of athletes firing at a moving clay target at a variety of distances.

The Paralympic Archery event consists of Standing and Wheelchair events.

Athletes compete by firing at a target from a 70m distance at an outdoor range. There is so far one change to traffic flow

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In my opinion

Go and support market forces



LAST Saturday I visited the Farmers' Market being held at Halstow Primary School (near Westcombe Park station, 10am to 3pm). The market is being run by The City & Country Farmers' Markets, who run about ten markets in London and the South East and aim to bring fresh local produce to as many areas as they can. The market was previously run at the East Greenwich Pleasance and at Halstow Primary, but it has not been successful enough to become a permanent local fixture. As none of the markets in the centre of Greenwich sell fresh produce, I was very excited to visit this one as I would normally have to go to Borough Market or to the Sunday Farmer's Market in Blackheath. Walking into the playground I was very pleased to see a good variety of cold food stalls (and a few hot) selling fruit and veg, cakes, meat (including game), pies, olives, fresh juices, cheese (cow and goat!) and bread. Unfortunately, there was no fish stall and this was a disappointment as I had been hoping to get some for

my dinner that night. I left with vegetables, eggs and sauces instead. However, there was overall a good variety of stalls as well as some specialised ones like the stall selling chilli sauces, preserves and marmalades. I also enjoyed my sausage bap and I did not break the bank like I do at Borough Market! These kind of markets need good local support to survive, and I was a bit concerned about the slow arrival of customers if it is to last. Borough Market and the markets in central Greenwich thrive on a lot of passing trade and tourists, whereas this local market need its community and some good local advertising to survive. I was very pleased to see that CCFM did two leaflet drops in the local area and that there have been adverts in this publication, but they could do with some better signage on Woolwich Road and they should be promoting the market more in the local press and through local blogging sites. Support your local Farmers' Market and one of your local schools if you can!

Lara Ruffle

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2012 shooting and archery venue on target

From Page 1 ➔ around the site. Circular Way is now closed, and it will be shut until December 2012, which means it will no longer be available for parking. Access to Queen Elizabeth Hospital will remain via Stadium Road and will be accessible by Shooters Hill Road or Charlton Park Lane, and the hospital will remain fully operational throughout the 2012 Games. The build has made it necessary to remove 50 trees from the site. However the Olympic Delivery Authority has tried to ensure as few trees as possible

are removed and will be replanting 75 trees in their place after the Games have finished.

To make sure that the venue is safe for athletes, officials and the public, London 2012 is working with safety advisers and the Ministry of Defence. There will also be a safety exclusion zone in place at the venue.

• For more info about the works call freephone 08000 722 110
To register to attend the quarterly meetings about the works email oda.events@london2012.com or call 08000 722 110



ARTIST IMPRESSION: the view from inside the Shooting and Paralympic Archery venue during the Games

Now that's a real emergency call!

The fire engine followed for 30,000 miles

by Peter Cordwell

THE crew of a fire engine that raised more than £100,000 in a round-the-world charity drive was due to arrive back in Greenwich in triumph on Sunday - and there wasn't a firefighter among them.

The gruelling 30,000-mile 'Follow That Fire Engine' expedition that started in the borough was also in line for a Guinness World Record.

One of the intrepid team was 33-year-old James Morrow, a golf professional who lives in New Eltham. He spoke to GT from the mountains in southern Spain last Tuesday.

"We drove all the way up from Morocco about eight o'clock yesterday morning till about half past one this morning, so it's been a long day!" said James. "It's been wonderful and has gone very, very well. We've been on the road for almost nine months and we're approaching 30,000 miles after going across the African continent in the last four or five days, hitting our 27th country as well."

"They've all been long days because you go to Google Maps and it says it'll take you four hours to get to a place but it's double that in a fire engine going about 80km an hour, but it's all good fun!"

The awe-inspiring expedition was dedicated to the memory of Garth Moore, who died aged 63 in July, 2009, after a brave battle with lung cancer.

His son Steve - who covered every mile of the trip - led the team that was self-funded so that all the money will go to MacMillan Cancer Support, The Fire Fighters Charity and



ONLY 30,000 MILES TO GO: the expedition that started in Greenwich nine months ago, inset, team member James Morrow, who lives in New Eltham

the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

There were 25 crew members in all, with groups covering different stages. James clocked up "four to five months", starting in Moscow and crossing the Gobi Desert in Mongolia. "The reactions we got were amazing. Everybody was very friendly - once they'd got over the shock of seeing us! We were offered accommodation and people let us put our tents up in their gardens."

"We got great media coverage in Australia and New Zealand, and in the States they were amazing - everyone really got behind it. You start to see a lot of good in people all over the world, from Third World countries to Russia and America. It was quite a humbling experience when so many different people want to



NAH, NAH, NAH, NAH: the fire engine travelling through China

help you out."

The trip took two years to plan while Garth Moore was still alive. "It became his son Steve's life and it's become all our lives over these last nine months," said James. "The Gobi Desert, where we had to dig ourselves out, was

probably the most difficult bit, especially as we had no showers or amenities."

• TO view Follow That Fire Engine's epic journey, or make a donation, visit www.followthatfireengine.com, its Facebook page, or its Twitter feed (@FollowEngine).

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On their marks for the great race

AN intrepid Greenwich sportsman who was paralysed after a sledging accident at 16 is embarking on his first London Marathon to raise more money for people with a spinal cord injury.

Stephen Lightbown, 30, featured in GT last year when he completed a three-mile swim across the Llyn Gwynant lake in Snowdonia. Now Stephen, who works in health planning, has got himself a blue racing chair for Sunday's event. He's been training hard since January - dividing his time between Sutcliffe Park running track in Eltham, and Greenwich Park on the weekends. He told GT: "I recently did 22 miles in the top part of Greenwich Park - just going round and round it. "I've had great support from other people who have also been training there."

● You can support Stephen by going to www.justgiving.com/rockupandroll1

BROTHERS aged 29 and 27 from Blackheath will be following in dad, Gerald Peters' trainers by running for Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice - 20 years on.

Gerald's sons, Chris and Joe, will be part of the 25-strong hospice-squad, put together in the Silver Anniversary year of the charity.

Gerald, now 62, and a trustee and fundraising volunteer for the hospice, said: "The lads completed the New York Marathon in 2008, but this will be their first London one."

● For more information and/or to show your support, visit www.communityhospice.org.uk



WHEEL POWER: Stephen has training at Sutcliffe Park running track and Greenwich Park



PROUD DAD: hospice supporter Gerald Peters and his sons Chris and Joe gear up for the big event

Marathon day road closures

THERE will be a number of road closures in Charlton, Blackheath, Woolwich and Greenwich from 7am this Sunday. For detailed information, visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/marathon Greenwich foot tunnel will be closed south bound from 10am to 12pm. Marathon organisers, Virgin London, are putting on free Thames

Clipper services from Greenwich to Canary Wharf as additional river crossings between 10.30am and 1pm. Alternative arrangements for those who need to travel north to south will be in place on DLR services from Island Gardens station. To check the current status visit www.greenwich.gov.uk or call 020-8853 2988.

Borough BRIEFS

Switch on for digital TV

RESIDENTS and businesses still have a few months to get ready for the UK switchover to digital television. Digital TV, which is being installed across the country, will give a stronger signal and the technology can provide for new services like local TV, high definition TV and wireless broadband. So you need to start looking at what equipment you have. Almost any TV can be converted - even a black and white one - as long as you have a digital box. Electrical retailers can advise what's best for you, and there's a help scheme for anyone over 75 and for eligible groups of people with disabilities. Transmitters in the central part of the country started to switch over last week but London isn't scheduled to convert until 2012. There will be special guidance for businesses at that time, if you just follow the links on the website. Get details about the full switchover by visiting www.digitaluk.co.uk or call the special contact centre on 08456 505050.

Wheel thing! picture caption correction

Last week's story on the South London Special League (Wheel thing!) included an incorrect picture caption. The powerchair player pictured with Greenwich Mayor Barbara Barwick and John Barclay was Laurence Jones not Laurence Alexander as stated. Apologies for any upset caused.

Running into history

by Pat Greenwood

SUNDAY, April 17, is a day this group of people will remember for the rest of their lives.

Meet London Marathon competitors who are pledged to give their all for Greenwich Mayor Barbara Barwick's charities - and, for several, it will be the first time they've ever tackled such a major athletic challenge.

Cllr Barwick's chosen good causes for this year are the Greenwich Carers' Centre on the Royal Arsenal site at Woolwich and the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture. Both charities are fielding first-time London Marathon runners in the Mayor's squad.

London Firefighter Steve Knuckey, 26, got persuaded by mum, Susan, who runs the carers' centre.

He told GT: "I don't play any sports. I tend to be a chip-eater, rather than a five-a-day fruit and veg person. However, this is my mum's charity, and it's great to be offered a chance to raise money for them in this way - especially in a recession."

Charlotte Lock, 32, who is also making her debut, is fund-raiser for the charity which tries to support survivors of torture from 100 different countries.

Charlotte, who has been mostly training in her local park, said: "I waited until the

Mayor's marathon team all set for the challenge

snow had melted to get started, because it was just unbearable running on the ice!"

She added: "Our charity is so grateful to the Mayor of Greenwich for giving us one of her Marathon places."

"We'll be telling all our supporters about it in our quarterly newsletter called 'Survivor'."

Another first-time full London Marathon runner is Owen Woodland, 23, from Eltham. The former pupil of Crown Woods School was one of the Greenwich young people chosen to run in the children's inter-borough mini-marathon, before the main event, when he was aged 14.

He was also Greenwich borough swimming champion for Eltham Stingrays when he was aged 13.

The Mayor, who will traditionally start the thousands of London Marathon fun-runners off at the top gates of Greenwich Park on Sunday, said: "Good luck to you all - and collect as much money as you can!"

● You can make donations to the Mayor's Marathon charities by contacting the Mayor's Office on 020-8921 5023.

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Charging is end of the Line

LAST weekend, I took some friends to Greenwich Park to see the Meridian Line and to my amazement we found that the Observatory have started to charge people to go in to the Observatory and see the Line. I was appalled at the price they were charging - £10 per person. I was told this was an Annual Pass and that this entitled the holder to return within the year to see the Observatory again! What about the tourists who only come to London once and will never return,



such as the Japanese, Americans, Germans, even other Brits from around the country? Why can't the powers-that-be have a one-off charge of a few pounds for people just to enter and see the Meridian Line? That's all we three wanted to

do and to be charged £30 for the privilege is quite excessive, don't you think? Is this in preparation for the Olympics next year? Hello, Rip Off Britain!! Just to let you know, there were very few people actually in the courtyard by the Meridian Line. I wonder why?

**Christine Holder,
Charlton**

● **REPLY** from the Royal Observatory, Greenwich: The new policy has been a necessary move to ensure our ability to protect and keep the site open and in good

condition for the public. The Royal Observatory was formerly a charging site. Since moving to free entry in 2001 visitor numbers have increased to 1.58 million. This is a great success story, but also substantially increases wear and tear on the site. With such a large number of visitors moving through a 300-year-old building each year, we need to ensure that we have the resources to manage these visitors safely, while improving their experience and maintaining this world-famous site.

Thanks for help in a moment of panic

MY nine-year-old granddaughter went missing for a while, and Greenwich Time is the only place I can think of to be able to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who helped us during some of the worst few hours of our lives. I'll also be writing to the Borough Police Commander with my grateful thanks. She'd asked if she could go out to a friend's house - but then that same friend came and knocked for her, so she obviously wasn't with her. I went to Brisset Park, near where I live in Eltham, and she wasn't there. After speaking to local children, we decided to dial 999. The next thing I knew, there were uniformed police

everywhere. We also printed off a photo of her and started going door-to-door. Everyone got involved: a young teenage boy from a nearby street, as well as people from the nearby Rochester Way Club and some of the taxi drivers at Eltham Station who know our family. She was finally found at another friend's - someone I wouldn't have thought of - not very far away. She had totally lost track of time, and we had her home before it got dark. For those few hours, we didn't have a clue where she was, and we just want to thank everybody who helped us.

Lee Abbott, Eltham

'Stitches' need to be moved to Greenwich town centre

I ATTENDED the Stitches in Time book launch at the Greenwich Heritage Centre in Woolwich; it was a great success. It is the third time that I have seen the embroideries and once again I was taken by how absolutely stunning they are.

When the embroideries were first put on show, I spoke to a Greenwich councillor who was present about why they were not exhibited in Greenwich at, say, the Visitors' Centre, so that more people would see them.

He said that the council had decided to leave them at the Heritage Centre to encourage people to visit Woolwich. In my view, this has not proved to be the outcome. Very few people that I have spoken to have either seen the embroideries or know anything about them.

The embroideries have not been publicised properly. Even when a visitor does go to the Arsenal to see them, it is so badly sign-posted that it is hard to find the Heritage Centre.

The embroideries are exquisite. With the Olympic Games taking place in Greenwich in 2012, the embroideries should be moved to a more central place, and then promoted. Hardly anyone from the borough has seen them, let alone visitors from other parts of the country or from abroad. Realistically, people are not going to flock to the relatively inaccessible Heritage Centre without a really effective publicity campaign.

The embroideries should be published at the Visitors' Centre, the Maritime Museum, Greenwich docks, the Royal Observatory, etc., as well as in schools and colleges. They deserve to be seen!

Linda Baker, Blackheath

that you have been to see it three times. Many other people have found it to be really interesting as well and we've previously promoted the exhibition in GT and on our website. No decision has been

taken as to whether the exhibits will be displayed elsewhere but many people have made the trip to view them at the Heritage Centre on the Royal Arsenal in Woolwich.

'Creamed' in the Painted Hall

ALONGSIDE the bacon sarnie at £4 in Greenwich Park (Letters, March 29), the adult £28 and child £22 fee for a cream tea in

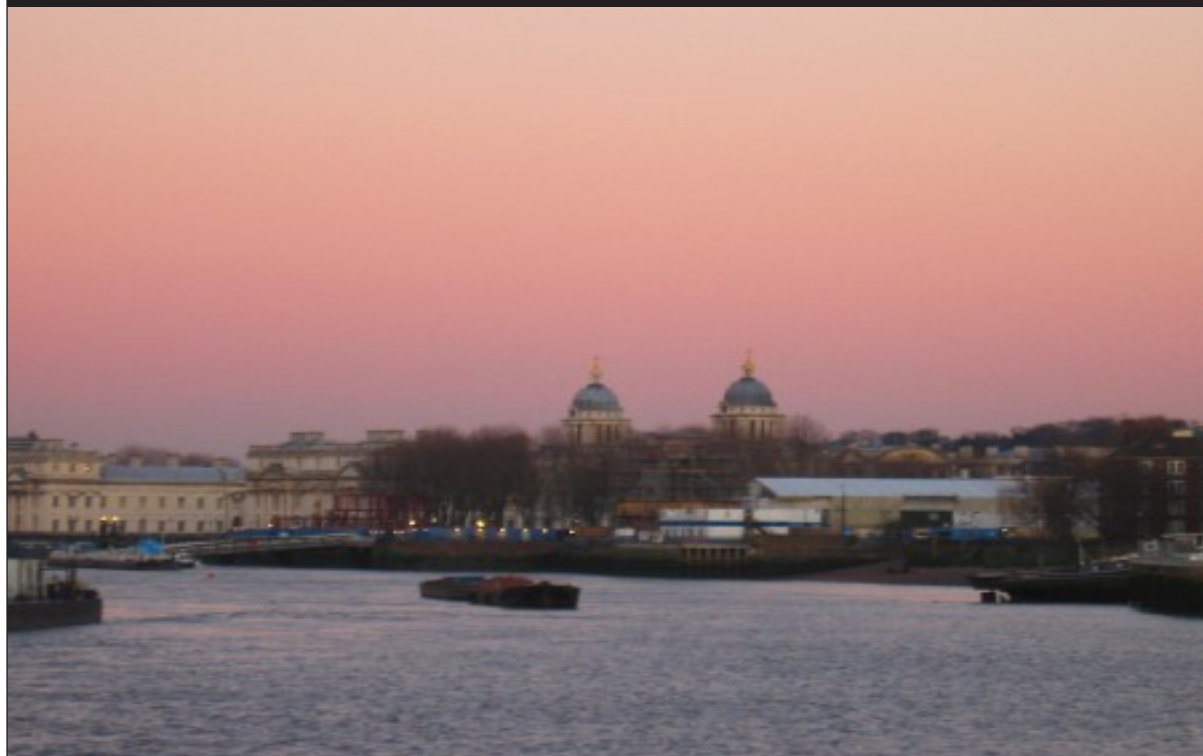
The Painted Hall at Greenwich is well OTT. The Ritz it ain't.

Mrs Jeffrey, Abbey Wood

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DANNY CASTLES: "I took this picture by the river at Ballast Quay, near the new development in Pelton Road."

● **THANKS** a lot for your letter. We're really glad that you enjoyed the exhibition so much

New patient record system at QEH

PATIENTS' records at the QE hospital in Woolwich and sister hospitals across South London Healthcare NHS Trust are currently being streamlined to improve confidentiality and security.

The new system, which is being carried out by BT in conjunction with an electronic system called Cerner Millennium, will enable patients' records, and their treatment across the Trust, to be stored in one place.

The new centralised arrangements will also provide better and more accessible services for patients - for instance,

getting blood test results quicker.

Installation is starting this month and the system will be implemented over the next two years.

It will build on the current system installed at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, and it will replace the existing patient administration system at Queen Elizabeth in Stadium Road, Woolwich. The current arrangements will continue while implementation takes place.

The NHS Trust's Acting Chief Operating Officer, Jennie Hall, said: "This is a very welcome step. Patients can be reassured

that their records can be appropriately accessed by any doctor they might see at any of our hospitals."

David Wilson, Vice President and General Manager of BT Health, said: "BT has a long-standing relationship with South London Healthcare NHS Trust and played a key role in installing a new patient administration and electronic patient record system at Queen Mary's back in 2007.

"We are delighted to help extend the system's capabilities trust-wide and help continue to deliver better, safer patient care." Alan Fowles, Vice President

and General Manager for Cerner in the UK and Ireland added: "Cerner is excited to be working with South London Healthcare NHS Trust on the implementation of Cerner Millennium. Trusts rely upon accurate and timely access to high quality information; Cerner Millennium provides such information for clinicians and managers which, in turn, improves efficiency, increases quality and, most importantly, delivers better patient outcomes."

● Find out more about South London Healthcare NHS Trust by visiting www.slh.nhs.uk

Last call for census

SUNDAY, March 27, was national Census day, and over 60 per cent of Londoners have already filled in their forms. Greenwich residents who haven't filled in their national census form yet might get a home visit from an official collector, offering some help.

You must complete the 32-page purple and white document by law. If your household ignores the form, it will reduce the amount of money which comes into the borough to help to fund the vital local services. Anyone who refuses, or just can't be bothered, could face a fine. But don't wait for a collector to call, you can get help to fill in your census form. Drop into any borough library, a Greenwich Council neighbourhood office, children's centre, or Crown Buildings, which is the town hall annexe at the bottom of Woolwich New Road. Ask for help from any member of staff. And don't forget to take your census-form with you.

● Get full details about what you have to do by visiting www.greenwich.gov.uk/census

Monster bash

Scary creatures help relaunch Eltham Centre with family fun day

by Pat Greenwood

A MAMMOTH gala day at the Eltham Centre needs a giant monster to welcome visitors. And that's where children and families are needed to lend a hand.

The Monster Day fun is due to begin at 9.30am on Saturday (April 16) when author and artist, Guy Bass, is inviting young people to help him create something six-feet high and scary for the foyer.

Admission to the centre in Archery Road is free and everyone is welcome.

The special event is being put on by Greenwich Council to celebrate the full re-opening of all the services at the £20 million white giant of a building which suffered a devastating fire just over one year ago.

Although the centre's library was re-open within one week, the council's service-centre and the fitness and education suites came back in stages, culminating with the re-launch of the crèche at the beginning of this year.

Young visitors on Saturday can collect Monster Challenge quiz-sheets which will take them all around the building, testing their observation, and maybe earning them a prize.



ALL SYSTEMS GO: the centre in Archery Road is fully operational

Author Guy Bass will break off from monster building to read stories from his books. The award-winning author, whose work was first published in 2008, created his "Mungler" characters in Greenwich with the help of local school children, and they are now featured in libraries all over London.

Saturday's event will also include special family offers all day. You'll be able to borrow two DVDs from the centre's library for the price of one and get a cookie and juice at the OJ's cafe for 95p, and there are also family swims between 2pm and 4pm for £1 (subject to availability).

There'll also be a range of information stands from organisations who run regular services at the Eltham Centre, including Early Years and Greenwich Community College.

● The Eltham Centre welcomes an average of 18,000 visitors each week, and just over 10,500 use the library, find out more at www.greenwich.gov.uk/elthamcentre



AWARD-WINNING: author Guy Bass will read about his monster creations such as the Great Gorchy, top left, and the Supreme Grimolin

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A credit to consumers

Cadets keep up trading standards

by Dick Townsend-Smith

FIVE police cadets from Greenwich showed that they know their onions - and a lot more besides - when they represented the borough in a challenge to find the country's top Young Consumer of the Year.

The competition, organised by the Training Standards Institute, attracts hundreds of teams from schools, youth and community groups from across the country.

The Greenwich cadets taking part were 16-year-olds Alex Tatman and PJ Thomas, 15-year-olds Matt Jupp and Lauren Bertrand, and Luke Ryan, aged 17.

They competed in the regional finals, which were held in the VIP

lounge at The O2. The borough's Trading Standards team helped arrange the venue and put the team together.

The cadets are used by Trading Standards to make "test purchases" in local shops to check if cigarettes or alcohol are being sold to people who are under age.

In the regional finals the cadets had to answer questions about credit and finance, consumer rights, social responsibility, food hygiene - such as how to tell if a chicken is cooked properly - currencies used in other countries and political leaders.

All the questions were designed to show how "savvy" they were as consumers. The London finals were won by a school team from Southwark, who will go forward to the national finals at Bournemouth in June.



THAT'S FINAL: the police cadets who represented Greenwich in the London finals of the Young Consumer of the Year competition at The O2

Borough BRIEFS

Bringing history to life

THE Battle of Hastings has been re-enacted at Millennium Primary - this time, with bags of red jelly for ammunition. Year 4 pupils at the school in John Harrison Way on the Peninsula were either Saxons or Normans and the battle took place on the upper banks surrounding the playground.

It was part of the history lesson where they were studying the topic of Settlements. The children discussed their tactics and designed their own shields to protect them from the jelly onslaught. They had previously raided a store cupboard to protect their clothing with bin liners, as well as covering their hair with shower caps.

The battle lasted for 10 minutes and headteacher, Jon Goulding, who was observing from a strategic position, said: "This has been a tremendous day with the children learning through fun. It was great to see the children bring their characters to life."

Parkinson's Week

THIS week, April 11 - 17, is national Parkinson's Awareness Week. The Greenwich support group meets on the first Monday of the month (not May) at the Education Centre on the QE Hospital site in Stadium Road, Woolwich. The next meeting will be on June 6 between 2pm and 4pm. Further details about the condition at www.parkinsons.org.uk or by calling the helpline on 0808 800 0303.



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"I'm filling in my census form because it means more doctors, nurses, teachers and police for Greenwich"

It's not too late to fill in your census form.

Everyone in Greenwich needs to complete their census form to make sure we get the right amount of funding. A census is a head count of the national population.

For information, advice and help with your census form drop in to Greenwich Council's Census Team this week at the following places:

Tuesday 12 April

11am-2pm Café, Greenwich West Arts & Community Centre, 141 Greenwich High Rd, SE10 8JA

Wednesday 13 April

11am-1pm Armada Community Hall, 21 McMillan St, Deptford, SE8 3EZ
5.30pm-7.30pm YMCA, Woolwich Dockyard Estate, Woolwich Church Street, SE18 5PQ

Thursday 14 April

9.30am-11am Somali Parents Initiative, 23 Telemann Sq, SE3 9YR
11am-1pm Coffee drop in, Holy Spirit Church, Telemann Sq, SE3 9YR
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Friday 15 April

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Saturday 16 April

1.30pm-5.30pm Thamesmead Christian Fellowship - Spring & Easter family craft day, Woolwich Polytechnic School (Main Hall), Hudkins Rd SE28 8AT

Sunday 17 April

5.30pm-7pm Clockhouse Community Centre, Defiance Walk, Woolwich Dockyard, SE18 5QL
Monday 18 April
10.30am-1pm Somali Parents Network, 131A Kingman Street, SE18 5PS
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Ask a member of staff for help - you will need your form with you.

Help tomorrow take shape 2011 Census - it's not too late

War on waste

Pupils think green to reduce lunch time packaging

by Pat Greenwood

ST Thomas More Catholic Primary pupils are people who do lunch - in an environmentally-friendly way!

A group of 30 Year 4 children at the school in Eltham's Appletan Road set out to prove it earlier this month.

For starters, they warmed everyone up with a special assembly on the theme of: "Recycle, re-use and reduce".

Letters had gone out to parents and carers that Tuesday, April 5, was Challenge Day, and GT was there when the keen and green class descended on the dining hall.

They were awarding stickers to everyone and points for recyclable/re-useable packed lunch carriers. Pupils who had school meals were awarded five, four and three for "clean plate", "almost clean" and "only a little left".

They then used special geography lessons to plot a computer graph for the class with the highest score, awarding each pupil there with a re-usable box, containing a recycled pen, along with some sweets to "reduce" in their mouths!

Class teacher Mrs Tuong-Van Kennedy, who worked alongside geography specialist Ruth Wheeler, told GT: "Ruth's project is not about 'just talking'. It's 'putting into action'."

Ruth Wheeler told us: "Year 4 children are not going to stop there."

"They are writing to Greenwich Council to request a compost bin for the school, so our fruit and vegetable waste can help grow plants in the playground."

Peter Finlay, the headteacher at the 204-pupil school, said: "The children have learned a great deal. These pupils are passionate about cutting down on waste."

Katie, aged nine, from Year 4, told us: "I always try to re-use plastic bottles for drinks and, when I'm writing, I use both sides of the paper."

Her classmate Leonardo, also aged nine, remembered Greenwich Council's "green, blue, black" bin recycling campaign.

He added: "At first, I used to have to check with the diagram in the newspaper to see what we could put in each bin. Now I know."

Charlie, also nine, said: "Results have been good. And here's some headlines you could use in your newspaper: 'We are a small school with big ideas' and 'Don't be a meanie - be a greenie'."

Lucy, aged nine, was one of an impressive number of pupils awarded five points for her clean school dinner-plate.

She said: "I chose something I didn't like - peas, to go with my chicken lunch - but I ate them anyway. This has made me THINK!"



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Pokémon face

Eltham lad Luke wins two regional trading card contests and is ranked second in the country

by Rod Kitson

HERE'S a question for GT's younger readers: How do you get 50 Pikachu on a bus?

Simple - you poke 'em on.

Luckily, Eltham's Luke Campbell-Lowe had more than a handful of naff dad-jokes in his armoury when he won a brace of Pokemon tournaments last month.

Poker-whatwasthat? It's a Japanese trading-card game, whose name roughly translates as 'pocket monsters'.

There are thousands of different cards to collect, and each one has a critter on it with strengths and weaknesses, and skillful players utilise both.

The annual Pokemon Trading Card Game regional tournaments took place throughout March.

Luke took on the country's best players and had the tactical nous to outwit his contemporaries at contests in Manchester and Bournemouth, where he came away with the TWO top prizes.

And if that wasn't enough he got a couple of second place prizes too, when he travelled to competitions in Nottingham, and then back on his home turf in London.

Not surprisingly, 10-year-old Luke is a highly rated - and feared - Pokemon player on the national circuit.

There are three age categories for entrants, Juniors (0-11), Seniors (11-15) and Masters (16+). Luke is ranked second in the Junior category for the whole of the country.

And his rise through the ranks has given him the shot of taking on the world's best at the Pokemon Trading Card Game World Championships in San Diego, USA.

Luke is in with a good chance of getting the green light to fly to America in August.

There are 50 places available for entrants from across Europe, and with Luke's lofty position he stands a good chance



AND THE WINNER IS: Luke (2nd from left) won two of the four regional Pokemon competitions. Right, a selection of the trading cards

of getting the call up to represent Britain. Ian Fotheringham, coordinator of the UK Pokemon league told GT: "Luke's got a really good chance at the UK Nationals of winning himself a place at San Diego. "The cards appeal to youngsters because they like the characters - they are attractive things to collect. And it's a great game which stays fun and competitive, which is not always easy to do. In the tournaments we make sure that the bottom-placed players have as much fun as the winners."

Fundraisers' sweet success

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Amelia Salisbury and her friends from the St Thomas More Secondary School in Eltham raised almost £100 for choroideremia research at a school cake sale. The three girls, Amelia, Maddy and Alanah, baked and sold 120 cupcakes to raise the cash for research into a new treatment for choroideremia - a rare eye condition which affects Amelia's ten-year old brother Tommy. Amelia told GT: "It was such fun making the cakes and our friends at school were delighted to be able

to buy them at break time. I have been chosen to go on the school Charity Committee this year so I am thinking of others ways I can help Tommy and all the other people with choroideremia." There is currently no cure for choroideremia, but researchers are investigating potential new gene therapy treatments. A charity has been set up in Amelia's brother's name to help sufferers of the condition. The Tommy Salisbury Choroideremia Committee has so far, raised over £175,000.

Easter rubbish collections

THERE is no change to rubbish collection dates in Greenwich over Easter. Good Friday falls on April 22 and a collection will happen as normal, and collections will also be undertaken on usual days the whole of the following week. This includes a collection on Friday April 29, the bank holiday to mark the Royal Wedding. Rubbish pick-ups will also be running as normal the following week. There is a collection on bank holiday Monday, May 2, and collections continue as normal throughout the week. • More info at www.greenwich.gov.uk/recycling

Charlton Rail Users' AGM

THE Charlton Rail Users' Group annual general meeting takes place on Monday May 9. It's being held at the Liberal Club, 59 Charlton Church Lane from 7pm.

All members of the public are welcome to attend. No appointment necessary. • For more info, call CRUG's treasurer Laraine on 020 8858 7828

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3rd Tues: Middle Park Community Centre, 150 Middle Park Avenue, 11am-12.30pm
3rd Fri: Coldharbour Neighbourhood office, library entrance, William Barefoot Drive, 11am.
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GLA MEMBER

Len Duvall (Lab) is the GLA member for Greenwich and Lewisham. Please write to Len Duvall, GLA, City Hall, Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA; phone 020-7983 4408/4517; or email len.duvall@london.gov.uk

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Contact Members' Services on 020 8921 5151 for information on the surgery timings for your own councillor.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).
Cabinet - Tuesday, April 19, 7.00pm

Peninsula & Blackheath/Westcombe Housing Panel - Weds, April 27, 7.00pm at Colleston House, Armitage Road, SE10

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Setting new goals

Students get new 'dream chance'

THE magic of a football environment is being used to give young people struggling in mainstream education a "dream chance" on a new team sheet. A specialist training centre called a Youth Achievement Foundation has been launched with a full capacity of 26 young people at Charlton Athletic's training ground in New Eltham. It's the result of a partnership between the club's community trust and the innovative charity UK Youth.

Student Jolene Doyle, 15, told GT: "It's good to be here because we get rewarded if we do well and they respect us. We go to college and do equivalent courses to GCSEs which is really good."

"The teachers actually listen to us and respect what we say. The work is a lot more interesting and fun than school was. I go to dance classes, which I really enjoy and we do a lesson called enrichment so I think it is more fair than school."

Charlton manager Chris Powell, captain Christian

Dailly and former Charlton defender Paul Elliott joined staff and young people at the opening.

The foundation at Charlton is part of a national network established by UK Youth, which oversees 12 centres. Chief executive Charlotte Hill said: "We are really excited to be working with the trust, which brings passion and commitment to the children."

"Thanks to the Youth Achievement Foundation, young people from the local area will have a better

outlook for the future."

Head of development and strategy Alan Dennington said: "The young people we've enrolled here aren't thriving in the mainstream system for a range of reasons."

"Our curriculum is activity-based, vocational and allows participants greater control over how and what they learn. We're launching at a full capacity of 26 young people which shows the need is there."

● FIND out more about UK Youth at www.ukyouth.org

Borough BRIEFS

Arty family craft day

FAMILIES can get creative together at a Spring and Easter craft day. The event on Saturday April 16 takes place from 1.30-5.30pm at Woolwich Polytechnic School in Hutchins Road, Thamesmead.

It's a chance to make decorations, cards, bookmarks, bags and fruit smoothies. And you can have a go at henna hand-painting, Chinese writing, head massage and many more activities. There'll be an escapologist demonstration and cakes for sale. And staff from Greenwich Councils census team will be on hand to give advice and help with completing your census form, which you must bring with you. (Call 020-8921 5519/3529).

Entry to the craft day is £2 per person with discounts for families of 4. Details on 0781 513 5923.

500 days to 'OU

ON Palm Sunday - April 17 - it will be exactly 500 days to the start of the London Paralympic Games - and that means FOUR more events in what will then be the Royal Borough of Greenwich. The borough will host the Paralympic Archery and Shooting - both to be held at the Barracks in Woolwich - Wheelchair Basketball at The O2 Arena and Paralympic Equestrian at Greenwich Park. The Paralympics will run from August 29 to September 9, 2012, and as with the earlier London 2012 Olympics they will place Greenwich centre stage in the world's greatest sporting competition. Cllr John Fahy, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, told GT: "The excitement increases as each milestone is reached and, even as time flies, we can enjoy every moment up to this global sporting celebration." As well as providing details around the Paralympics - venues, dates and ticket information - we send **PETER CORDWELL** out and about to highlight some of the initiatives inspired by the Games and will become part of their rich and lasting legacy...



'Taster' chance at four-day camp

A FOUR-DAY Paralympics Sports Camp is being held next month to celebrate the main event coming to Greenwich next year and to inspire young people to try out Paralympic sports.

The camp - to be held at the Waterfront Leisure Centre in Woolwich from May 31 to June 3 - will be run by the multi-award-winning South London Special League (SLSL) and sponsored by Help a Capital Child.

The four sports involved will be New Age Kurling, Table Cricket, Powerchair Football and Boccia.

SLSL project manager Sharon Brokenshire told GT: "We want to raise the profile of children with mobility problems to enjoy Paralympic sports. With the Olympic and Paralympic Games around the



corner, it's a chance to inspire young people in Greenwich to make the first move towards

joining this great movement. "I've chosen sports that are in the Paralympics or very

much under consideration for them, and it's a taster, an opportunity for young people to have a go, which is the start that every great sports person makes.

"We've made great strides in the last year with our Powerchair Football, Table Top Cricket is a smashing game while New Age Curling and Boccia have proved very popular before.

"We're delighted to be sponsored by Help a London Child and of course the facilities at the Waterfront will make it a very special camp for all those involved."

• The camp, costing £20 for the four days, will run from 10am-noon and 1pm to 3pm. For further details or to book a place call Sharon on 07515 539825 or go to specialleague@aol.com

ur' Paralympics

'Mean Team' ready to take on best in London

MEET just some of the 'Greenwich Mean Team' that's ready to do battle for the borough in the disabled athletics at the London Youth Games in June.

They're pictured in a short break during intensive training at Charlton School last week, when spies from the other 32 London boroughs would have reported back with some trepidation about the energy and enthusiasm on show.

They've been whipped into excellent shape by coach and team manager Melissa Catchpole, who suggests that Team Greenwich is going to be one to be reckoned with at Mile End Stadium on June 15.

And I'm sure the team won't mind me singling out their natural leader, the kind of character that makes John Terry seem like Charles Hawtreys.

Paul James - "please, everyone calls me PJ" - Pilcher went through a series of speed bounces at such speed that it took our collective breaths away.

Just turned 17, PJ told GT: "It's a little bit tiring being in the Greenwich team but very exciting. I also do circus training with Cirque Nova in Leytonstone. I'm involved in a performance right now as the vagabond clown."

This needed some looking into. Turns out PJ also does acrobatics, juggling and magic tricks at children's parties.

Does he want to join a circus one day? "Ooh, yes," said PJ, "but I also want to start writing plays and get into dance as well. I just had a passion for magic, clowning and stuff like that, entertainment in general."

"I go to this school and it's not going bad, not bad at all. I like art as well and playing music. I play guitar, classical and acoustic."

"I also write poetry and plays. In fact, I'm hoping to get my musical written for the stage."

His team manager reckons PJ will



JUMPING TO IT: PJ Pilcher shows the style that will make him a leading contender for the Greenwich team

be Greenwich's main sprinter and jumper. But having seen him throw the javelin the length of the hall it must be tempting to sneak him into

that event as well.

Melissa Catchpole said: 'PJ's got incredible energy - he's going to teach me how to juggle - but I've

been very pleased with the team's progress as a whole. As you can see, there's a great sense of enthusiasm and bonding among all the athletes.

"We've had quite a few sessions since the end of February and it's all coming together. Several other schools will be involved including Thomas Tallis, Crown Woods, Plumstead Manor, John Roan, Woolwich Poly and the Post 16 Campus at Shooters Hill.

"We can take up to a maximum of about 17 boys and 17 girls. We're tying it altogether at the moment, working with Charlton School and the others. We'll definitely have a bigger team than last year and we'll be doing more training."

As we spoke, 13-year-old Jake

McGuire was doing some nifty moves in his wheelchair. His mother, Cathie, told GT: "Jake really loves coming here for the sport and to make new friends. Sport is a great way to get young people involved and thinking positively."

Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, said: "It's great to see the disabled athletics team making such great strides. I can't wait to see them in competition."

THE Greenwich team will compete against other host boroughs at Sutcliffe Park, Eltham, on Thursday, May 5, from 12-2.30pm, and at the London Youth Games at Mile End Stadium on Wednesday, June 15, all day from 10.30am.

Read more about the London 2012 Paralympics at www.greenwich.gov.uk/2012

IN THE RUNNING: some of the squad to represent Greenwich in the London Youth Games next month do some sprinting while (left) a young table cricket player gets in some practice ahead of the Paralympics Camp set to start on May 31

The Paralympic sports coming to Greenwich

EQUESTRIAN

THERE will be two dressage tests at the Paralympic Olympic event - a Championship Test with set movements and a Freestyle Test set to music of the rider's choice. There will be 78 athletes competing in 11 medal events, including a team competition, in Greenwich Park from Thursday, August 30, to Tuesday 4 September 4, 2012

ARCHERY

THERE are nine gold medals to be won in the Paralympic Archery. The sport was developed over 50 years ago as a means of rehabilitation and recreation for people with a physical disability. The competition will run from Friday, August 30, to Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at the Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich.

SHOOTING

TWELVE Shooting events will be held in the historic surroundings of the Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich from Thursday, August 30, to Tuesday, September 4. One hundred men and 40 women will compete in 12 medal events in what is always a tense and dramatic contest.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

WHEELCHAIR basketball was first played in 1946 to help rehabilitate ex-servicemen with spinal cord injuries after the war. It is now one of the most popular sports at the Paralympic Games and will be held at The O2 Arena from Thursday, August 30, to Saturday, September 8, 2012.

● **APPLICATIONS** for Paralympic Games tickets will be open in September, 2011, and will follow a similar sales process to the Olympic Games. There will be no advantage in submitting your application on the first day or the last day.

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 23 I

How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.
For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 20 April 2011 at midday** and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 17 April 2011**

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:
 English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») Ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :
 French 020 8921 4330

Có sẵn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:
 Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaafadda Greenwich (Guri-ijaar Ku-saleysan kala-doorashao) Khadka Ku-tartanka waxaa laga helaa:
 Somali 020 8921 4345

Greenwich Konutları (Tercihle Dayalı Kiralık Konut) Telefon ile Teklif Verme Hattı Türkçe de aranabiliyor:
 Turkish 020 8921 4347

格林威治家居 (揀選租屋計劃) 開通電話競投專線:

Cantonese 020 8921 4370

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Tamil 020 8921 4300

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Only priority
applicants can
apply



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: I17000
**Sir Walter Raleigh Crt
Banning St SE10**
2 Bed Gnd Flr Flat Ent phn
U/flr htg Lvl A/shwr No pets
No pkg S/C is extra
£99.57pw Bands A&B



L&Q Housing Trust

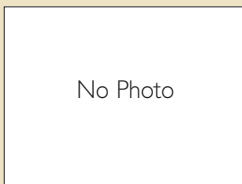
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Banning St SE10**
2 Bed Gnd Flr Flat Ent phn
U/flr htg Lvl A/shwr No pets
No pkg S/C is extra
£99.57pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I19850
**Greenhithe Close
DA15**
3 Bed Hse Gdn
Rad C/H No Pkg
£110.54pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I25740
Middle Park Ave SE9
2 Bed Hse Gdn
Rad C/H No Pkg
£100.90pw Bands A&B



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Ref Number: I27094
Inigo Jones Rd SE7
3 Bed Hse Gdn
Rad C/H
Pref. to s/overcrowding
£109.56pw Bands A&B

Important Notice

Please note the
closing date to
register your bids
for advertised
properties will be
**every Sunday
at midnight.**



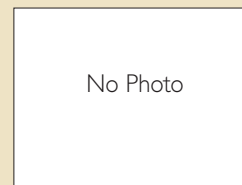
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Brook Lane SE3
2 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£92.86pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I28407
Strongbow Cres SE9
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
£90.43pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I28472
Fulthorp Road SE3
2 Bed Gnd Flr Flat
Rad C/H
£96.99pw Bands A&B



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Ref Number: I29056
Felixstowe Rd SE2
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£82.54pw Bands A&B



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: I23891
**Hatfield House
Merryweather Pl SE10**
2Bd 3rd Flr Flt Lift Ent phn
No pets Rad C/H Lvl A/
shwr No pkg S/C is extra
£114.94pw Bands A&B

Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants
have been bidding for advertised properties
in recent weeks.

**Please note that if you
do not bid on a regular
basis you risk losing your priority status.**

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

Small is beautiful – the Under Occupation scheme

If you are living in a Council property that is too big for you, we
can help you to move to somewhere smaller. The Council will pay
your removal costs, and £350 for each bedroom gained.

To join the scheme you must be willing to move to a home with
two bedrooms less than you have now:

- 3 bedroom to a 1 bedroom home
- 3 bedroom parlour/4 bedroom to
a 1 or 2 bedroom home
- 5 bedroom to a 3 bedroom (or smaller) home

For more information contact the Project Team on

020 8921 2671

textphone: 020 8921 2996/2657

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 93953

Austen Close SE28

1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H Over 40's No dogs
£92.96pw Band C



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 99569

Raymond Postgate Ct Tawney Road SE28

1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No dogs
£80.50pw Band C



Ref Number: 127507

Edington Road SE2

Bedsit Grnd Flr Flat Gdn
Gas Fire & Rad C/H
£67.18pw Band C



Ref Number: 128496

Rixon House Barnfield Rd SE18

2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted Ent phn Rad C/H
No Pkg Min 1child any age
£89.53pw Band C



Ref Number: 128589

Fuchsia Street SE2

2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
No Pkg
Min 1child any age
£82.62pw Band C



Ref Number: 129084

Barnfield Gdns SE18

1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn Rad C/H
£81.98pw Band C



Ref Number: 128008

Kingsman Street SE18

2 Bed 7th Floor Mais
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£86.37pw Band C

Mutual Exchange Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes. For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations Team

on **020 8921 2941**



Ref Number: 128904

Tattersall Close SE9

1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted Comm G/H
£95.87pw Band C

Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**

Seaside and Country Scheme

This scheme offers one and two bedroom flats and bungalows on the Coast and in the countryside, in the South East and West of England.

In order to be considered you must be:

- A Council or Housing Association tenant
- At least 60 years old (if someone is moving with you they must be over 55 years old).

Your removal costs will be met if you are a Council tenant and you do move to a Seaside and Country home. To register, or find out more about the scheme, contact the Access and Allocation section on

Tel: 020 8921 2941

Textphone 8921 2996/2657.

If you are a Housing Association tenant you need to contact your landlord to register.

Further information is available from the scheme management organisation at www.housingmoves.org

For information or assistance contact our Allocations Team on:
020 8921 2941

Textphone (minicom): 020 8921 2996

Email: **housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk**

Only applicants over 50+ can apply

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **0208 921 2941. All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.**



Our current vacancies include;
(several of which are ready for immediate letting)

One Person Properties

Littleheath, Charlton, SE7, 2nd floor, Studio Flat.

Sam Manners House, Greenwich, SE10, 1st Floor Studio Flat.

Two Person Properties

Beacham Close, Charlton SE7,
1 Bed 2 person 1st floor Flat.

Eltham Road, Lee SE12,
1 Bed 2 person ground floor Flat.

Garnett Close, Eltham SE9
1 Bed 2 person , 2nd floor Flat.

Langton way, Blackheath SE3,
3Bed ground floor Flat.

Mandela House, Plumstead Common SE18,
1 Bed 2 person ground floor Flat.

All the above properties are lifted.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 228

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Brittain Court Shrubsall Close SE9 5QT	2	FLAT		No elig bids	
Brittain Court Shrubsall Close SE9 5QT	2	FLAT	241	02/10/2006	C
Farjeon Road SE3 8SA	1	FLAT	81	16/03/1992	A
Manthorp Road SE18 7SZ	4	PARLOUR HOUSE	56	01/04/2006	B
Horsfeld Road SE9 6DU	3	HOUSE	107	28/09/1987	A
Pattison Walk SE18 7EY	3	HOUSE	65	09/07/2001	A
Dyson House Blackwall Lane SE10 0RE	3	FLAT	10	01/03/2004	A
Rooke Way SE10 0JB	2	HOUSE	77	07/06/1979	A
Horsfeld Road SE9 6DS	3	HOUSE	103	06/01/2003	A
Jutland House Prospect Vale SE18 5HZ	3	FLAT	8	24/07/2009	C
Mercers Close SE10 0JG	2	FLAT	35	27/07/2010	B
Pelton Road SE10 9PQ	2	HOUSE	63	19/03/2001	A
Elmley Street SE18 7NL	2	FLAT	183	05/03/2009	C
Griffiths House Mayplace Lane SE18 3TR	2	FLAT	150	12/12/2008	C
Reminder Lane SE10 0NE	1	FLAT		withdrawn	
Tattersall Close SE9 6ET	1	FLAT	134	28/11/2007	C
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5QR	0	FLAT	94	11/01/2008	C
Panfield Road SE2 9DD	2	FLAT	11	04/06/2010	B
Dahlia Road SE2 0ST	2	MAISONETTE		No Elig bids	
Strongbow Crescent SE9 1DP	2	FLAT	26	22/09/2010	B
Elmley Street SE18 7NL	1	FLAT	212	14/10/2008	C
Reminder Lane SE10 0NE	2	FLAT	23	28/04/2010	B
Reminder Lane SE10 0NE	2	FLAT	22	21/01/2011	B
Reminder Lane SE10 0NE	1	FLAT	361	25/07/2003	C
Reminder Lane SE10 0NE	2	FLAT	315	21/07/2006	C
Bessemer Place SE10 0ND	2	FLAT	236	05/10/2009	C
Bessemer Place SE10 0ND	2	FLAT	19	18/05/2009	B
Bessemer Place SE10 0ND	3	MAISONETTE		To be Allocated	
Bessemer Place SE10 0ND	3	MAISONETTE	33	28/08/2009	B
Reminder Lane SE10 0NE	4	MAISONETTE	38	01/12/2009	B
Keynes Court Attlee Road SE28 8DL	2	FLAT	146	19/11/2008	C
Blaker Court Fairlawn SE7 7ET	3	FLAT	152	18/09/2007	C
Olympian Way SE10 0NA	3	MAISONETTE	35	23/05/2009	B
Olympian Way SE10 0NA	2	MAISONETTE	35	08/02/1999	A
Olympian Way SE10 0NA	2	MAISONETTE	292	06/02/2006	C

GreenwichHomes adverts

Greenwich Time is now being published
50 weeks a year and is delivered to all
residents. GreenwichHome adverts are
included in every issue.

Social enterprise award for GLL

THE company which runs the borough's leisure centres has won a national social enterprise award.

GLL, which runs seven leisure centres in partnership with Greenwich Council, is celebrating after winning the Social Enterprise Mark Holder of the Year.

The firm won the top award in a national competition, organised by the Social Enterprise Coalition, which recognises the work and achievements of the UK's most inspiring and successful social enterprises.

GLL manages over 90 leisure centres in partnership with

14 London boroughs and aims to encourage community involvement and promote healthy living by providing quality leisure and fitness facilities at affordable prices. Company bosses received the award at a presentation hosted by actor and comedian Alexander Armstrong at The O2 last week.

GLL chair Steve Ward said: "We are absolutely delighted to have been recognised with this Award. GLL were early adopters of the Social Enterprise Mark and we believe that it will play a key part in helping the public to understand and recognise

businesses which are working to benefit people and planet."

The Social Enterprise Coalition represents a wide range of social enterprises and works to showcase the benefits of social enterprise, and share best practice.

Its CEO Peter Holbrook said: "Congratulations to GLL on their fantastic win. The Social Enterprise Coalition received a record number of responses to this year's awards so to have come out on top is a truly remarkable achievement. The Social Enterprise Mark was only launched nationally last year but is already building recognition thanks to

the support of members like GLL."

● There are 62,000 social enterprises in the UK, contributing over £20 billion to the economy and employing nearly a million people. They exist to make a positive difference to society or the environment and profits are reinvested into the businesses rather than going to shareholders or owners. Well known examples include The Big Issue and Jamie Oliver's Fifteen restaurants. More information on leisure centres in the borough visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/sport

Funds and games

Charity supporters celebrate a successful year

by David Hall

YOUNG fundraisers celebrated the end of a successful year by getting together with their older counterparts.

Members of the Interact Group at Eltham Foundation School enjoyed a celebratory dinner with Woolwich Rotarians at The Valley last month.

The Rotary Club is a global network of volunteers who run activities and raise money to help their local communities and those abroad.

The group of under 18s at the Eltham school was set up in September 2009 and is supported by Woolwich Rotary Club. Made up of entrepreneurial members of the school, the group makes a difference by raising funds for charity while having fun along the way!

The landmark event saw the current crop of innovative students wave goodbye to their duties and pass their responsibilities on to a younger generation.

Pupils in the Interact Group have raised over £1,000 for national and local charities including Breast Cancer Research UK, Middle Park Community Centre and Demelza children's hospice.

Outgoing president Rosie Bridgeman, 16, said: "I'm really proud of all our achievements and I'm glad we could help the deserving causes we raised money for. We had a great year and I'm so pleased I had the opportunity to lead such a great team. It was truly amazing!"

President elect, Chloe Arnold is confident her newly-formed team can live up to their predecessors. "I'm so looking forward to the year that lies ahead. The new team is so committed and has so many great ideas. I'm really excited to be president and I would like to thank everyone for supporting me and I hope to carry on the legacy."

The Interact Group has the full support of their headteacher George McMillan, who attended last month's dinner event. He said: "I was honored to have been asked along to the Rotary dinner as their guest and enjoyed chatting to the Mayor about the brilliant progress the school is making. But the best part of the evening was watching Chloe giving a speech



ROTARY RAGE: president of the Woolwich Rotary Club, Roger Geeson congratulates the new president of the Interact Group Chloe Arnold

for the first time, and seeing Eltham students charming the other adult guests over dinner.

"The evening was a lovely reminder of the calibre and quality of our students here at Eltham Foundation School."

The Mayor of Greenwich, Cllr Barbara Barwick, was a guest speaker at the event and expressed her passion for specific charities including Greenwich Council's

Starting Blocks, which supports up and coming athletes in the borough.

She said: "Well done to the Interact Club at the Eltham Foundation School. I first met these young people last year, when they received a Charter from the Rotary Club. At that time, the group was about to start fundraising for Shelter Boxes, which provide emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies for families affected by disasters. Now, I understand that they have raised enough for two Shelter Boxes. Many congratulations! Their experience in the Interact Club will be of great value to their futures".

● The Rotary Club of Greenwich is hosting an open day and lunch as part of a drive to recruit more members. The event on Thursday, May 12 runs from 12.30-2.30pm at Charlton Football club, Charlton.

The club founded in 1926 is one of the oldest organisations in the borough and meets every Thursday. Open day guests will meet local Rotarians who have supported many local and international charities over the years. Former president Ilkay Chiral has been a Rotarian in Cyprus, Australia and the UK for 32 years. He said: "Being a Rotarian is one way of doing something worthwhile for society and of making new friends."

If you would like to attend the lunch and open day please confirm your attendance with Greenwich Rotary Club by calling president John Stock on 020-8855 5516.

Borough BRIEFS

Carers' Week arts display

COULD you contribute to a forthcoming exhibition called "The True Face of Carers"?

A short story or a poem about you and the person you look after, as well as a photo of the two of you, could be on display in CJ's Cafe in Powis Street, Woolwich, or in Charlton House later this year.

The exhibition is being organised by Greenwich Carers' Centre, and the deadline is May 9 to get your work included.

Deena Gilham, who is co-ordinating the project, said: "We'd like to hear people's stories, or a poem about their role and their wishes for the future."

"Carers could also draw or paint a picture or create a sculpture." Photographs should be taken at home and should try to complement any words which are submitted.

The material will be on display during this summer's National Carers' Week, to give visitors snap-shots of the day-to-day life of someone who looks after a relative or a friend.

The Carers' Centre, which is now based in Gunnery House, Duke of Wellington Avenue, on the Royal Arsenal site at Woolwich, hopes to produce a small booklet from the exhibition to raise future funds.

● Find out more from Deena on 020-8301 8160.

Fundraiser for Make Merry

THERE will be no Plumstead Make Merry this year, but volunteers who are dedicated to perpetuating one of south London's oldest summer get-togethers are holding a fund-raiser for the 2012 event on Saturday, April 16.

The Make Merry "benefit bash" starts at 7.30pm in the Greenwich Rugby Club Pavilion on Plumstead Common, just off Old Mill Road. Entry is £5 at the door and all proceeds will go towards supporting the festival. There will be live music, karaoke, disco and games. The festival is 32 years old and last year there were 6,000 visitors.

Volunteers plan to carry on fund-raising for next year's event throughout 2011. They're staging an all-day and evening of non-stop entertainment on Saturday, June 11, again at the Greenwich Rugby Club Pavilion on Plumstead Common. Entry donation £5.

Find out more by visiting www.plumsteadmakemerry.com or by emailing plumsteadmakemerry@yahoo.co.uk

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Sunshine
on a rainy
day?

- P20



London legends

After announcing their split in 2009, **Chas and Dave** have embarked on one last tour which stops at the Indigo2 next week. Chas looks back on their career in a candid interview with Scene

↓ AFTER three decades on the road, the curtain is closing on one of London's most iconic duos.

Chas and Dave founded a genre with their blend of East London slang and piano driven rock on songs like *Rabbit and Gertcha*.

There is time for one last knees-up before they go - the pair have embarked on a final UK tour this year, which stops off at The Indigo2 on April 18.

Chas - born Charles Nicholas Hodges - told *Scene* that the split was born out of personal circumstance.

"Dave retired just over a year ago after his wife died, and as we all know, when you get grief close to you, everything else goes out the window," he said.

"But then as the months went on we decided that we should do one final tour."

■ If people dub us 'professional Cockneys' then they're not getting us and it's their hard luck ■

Unfairly, the duo has been labelled as a novelty act over the years.

Which denigrates from the pair's fine musicianship and deft touch with pop melody and structure.

Chas started his career in the early 1960s as a session musician, first touring with Jerry Lee Lewis and Gene Vincent.

"I started out playing bass in the Outlaws, and went on the road with Jerry as part of his backing band," he said. "He was my hero back then and an early highlight of my career. Watching him every night was where I really started to learn the piano. Then we backed Gene Vincent, before I joined Cliff Bennett and the Rebel Rousers." The list of bands on the musician's CV is staggering.

"I toured with the Beatles - they even wrote a song for us," Chas added. "Paul took us in a studio and recorded it. I then went to America with a band called Heads Hands and Feet."

"All this time I had known Dave, and I'd been doing sessions all the way through as a bassplayer."

The pair weren't yet playing together, but as a seasoned session musician Chas was multi-instrumentalist. He was able to bring his less experienced



NOW AND THEN: top, a present day Chas (left) and Dave, and above, the pair in 1979

friend into the fray by handing over the comparatively easy bass guitar.

"When me and Dave got together I decided to go on to piano and give up the bass," Chas says. "So consequently I wrote Dave in and started getting sessions for the two of us."

And the roll call of sessions that the pair undertook leaves even Chas himself struggling to remember.

"I forget half of them," he jokes - "sometimes people will have to play them to me, and I'll say 'Oh yeah, that does sound like me!'"

A tune the pair played on was famously re-aired when Eminem sampled it for his breakthrough single *My Name Is*.

It was taken from a session for a Labi Siffre tune called *I Got Thee*.

Although the session work was enjoyable and well paid, the pair were

hankering after a group of their own. It was in the early 1970s that Chas came up with the idea for the authentic English sound that would become known as 'Rockney'.

"I got the plan when I was playing in America with Heads Hands and Feet and I was singing in an American accent. I just started to think: this is wrong, I've got to do something where I'm being myself."

"When I got back to England I went on piano permanently and put the idea to Dave. He was up for it, and so that was the start of Chas and Dave. It was only when we got together with Dave that the creations started coming out."

As the principle writer, Chas began jotting down ideas and came up with the duo's first big hit, *Gertcha* in 1979. The band became synonymous with tunes like *Rabbit and Snooker* *Loopy*, but there was much more

to the group than knockabout Cockney anthems.

"My favourite song of ours is *Ain't No Pleasing You*," Chas says. "It was thought out over a few months. It was written by me - with the approval of Dave. I came up with some words - I didn't know where they came from at first - but they seemed to work. The words actually came from the situation of my brother splitting up with his wife, which I didn't realise at the time, funnily enough."

"Not only am I proud of the song, but it's universally sung everywhere we go. It's a great ballad. There are more of those type of tunes on the albums that people are still discovering. When we first came out people thought it was gonna be *Gertcha* and *Rabbit* all the time."

So does it bother him that they are only known for the Rockney stuff?

"No. I think if people don't get it it's their hard luck, and I look down on them if they think Chas and Dave are only doing the knees-up stuff. All the people I respect love our stuff. They are the people that are important to us."

"If people dub us 'professional Cockneys' then they're not getting us, and it's their hard luck. If you put an album of ours on and you can't say it's good then there's something wrong with your musical taste."

Rod Kitson

Chas and Dave play the Indigo2 on Monday April 18. Doors 7pm. Tickets £20-£43.50 Book at www.theo2.co.uk/indigo2 or on 020 8463 2000

Play's right...

Brave choice at the theatre



NOEL COWARD'S eponymous musical revue, *Cowardy Custard* comes to Greenwich Theatre later this month.

It's the story of his life and works told through music and cabaret, and was one of the last shows he was involved in before his death.

First staged in 1972, it hits the theatre on Crooms Hill on April 26, and runs until April 30. It's effectively Noel Coward's Greatest Hits, featuring snippets and songs from his plays. Lead cast member Kit Hesketh told *Scene*: "It's not so much a character based play - it's a revue, and the first of its kind as a side-by-side compilation show. It's a 'top hits of Noel' - and some lesser known songs."

The piece is interspersed with parts of his diaries and press notices about the playwright.

"It vaguely follows the arc of his life," Kit adds. "It's got all the crown jewels in there - *Mad Dogs and Englishmen*, *Mad About the Boys*, *The Stately Homes of England* - they're all in there."

Coward also wrote and appeared in films like *Close Encounters* and *The Italian Job*.



CUSTARD'S LAST STAND: Kit, right, and chums

And Cowardy Custard is a precursor to many of the sketch shows over the years.

"The revue format set the template for things like the *Fast Show*. Nothing in this show lasts for more than three or four minutes, then there is a change of mood, a lightning set change or a different song, so it is like a sketch show."

Is it a format that may make the piece more accessible to those who are not seasoned theatre-goers? "I think so," Kit adds. "Not only is it very, very funny, but there are these two young kids who dance around - because I'm too old for that - and they came to Coward as a completely new generation. So it's very reassuring to know that we're not just being maudlin and affectionate about a dead old giant, and that he is still very much alive."

RK

Cowardy Custard is on at Greenwich Theatre from April 26-30
Tickets £12.50-£17.50
Book on 020 8858 7755 or at www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk

FINAL SCENE

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Sunshine of the spotless mind

Jim Loach's *Sunshine and Oranges* is a challenging but worthwhile watch, writes Dick Morgan



SOMEONE is responsible. Someone must take the blame. Somewhere there

must be answers... *Oranges and Sunshine*'s title is a wilfully misleading juxtaposition. Jim Loach's directorial debut is a powerful, sombre account of an appalling - and yet little-known injustice.

In 1986, a young social worker from Nottingham, Margaret Humphreys stumbled upon a generation of lost children. Shortly after the Second World War, almost 130,000 infants were torn away from their families, told that their parents were dead and systematically deported to Australia.

Expecting a life of sunshine and oranges, they were more often than not physically and emotionally abused by their carers. Humphreys, overwhelmed by the sheer hopeless isolation began the herculean task of trying to

reunite lost families. Played by Emily Watson, Humphreys and her impossibly understanding and sympathetic husband Merv (Richard Dillane) find themselves inexorably dragged deeper and deeper into an bottomless emotional quagmire at the increasing cost of their personal and family life.

"I've given you my mother", Margaret's young son laments to one of the victims at an emotionally charged Christmas party. Tired from the travel, emotionally drained by their suffering and blocked at every turn by faceless bureaucrats, Margaret cracks and suffers a breakdown.

Watson is her usual competent self, undemonstrative, restrained and lacking fuss, trying desperately to remain restrained and professional but failing miserably. The scenes with her own family whom she increasingly

neglects are particularly poignant. Yet somehow, she fails to engage, lacking emotional depth and not entirely convincing. The victims are more persuasive: Hugo Weaving is sensitive and fragile radiating emptiness and emotionally lost. David Wenham is equally strong.

Where Weaver is open, Wenham is closed, overly calm and ready to explode, both appalled by yet addicted to the seminary from where he was raised.

Director Loach plays it safe on his debut, choosing to duck the movie's more controversial moments such as responsibility and blame. The bureaucrats escape with "we did what we thought right", the seminary brothers respond with silence and frowns. In 2010, some 23 years after Margaret's initial encounter, the governments of Great Britain and Australia finally acknowledged their

respective roles and issued an official apology. Yet to date, no individuals have been identified, questioned or charged and now almost certainly, never will. A generation of children remain lost, isolated and without justice. A challenging but worthwhile night out. 7/10

Oranges and Sunshine is out now at Greenwich cinemas

WIN

We have 2 pairs of cinema tickets to The Greenwich Picturehouse to give away. Just answer this question:

Which two countries feature in *Sunshine and Oranges*?

Comp ends April 19. Email answer, (and your address and phone no.) to competitions@greenwich.gov.uk or send a postcard marked 'Sun Comp' to Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW

Picture house

What's on in April Going global for 10 years



THERE is a FREE event at Charlton House on Friday April 15 to celebrate 10 years of Global Fusion Music & Arts.

The arts collective is run by Louisa Le Marchand, and has done work in schools and the local community over the past decade.

The evening which runs from 7.30 to 10pm will be showcasing the cultural diversity of the organisation with more than 14 acts from many countries including Japan, China, Uganda, Nigeria, Ghana and Ireland.

The event is also the chance to pay tribute to one of the founding members and first chairman, Sukh Saini who sadly died in 2006 of cancer age 33.

There will also be a special guest appearance of The kalakuta Band lead by Fela Kuti's (King of Afrobeat) guitarist Emeka Elundu.

For more details contact 020 8858 9497 or visit www.globalfusionarts.com



LET'S DANCE:
Japanese dancers are one of 14 international acts

Scales of the riverbank



TERRY SCALES is an artist for whom the river Thames has been a source of inspiration for over 60 years.

A free exhibition of Terry's work opens at Discover Greenwich at the Old Royal Naval College on Saturday April 30 and runs until Sunday June 5.

It features paintings from the artist's personal collection as well as a number that will be available for purchase.

There is also a chance to meet the artist and book signing on Saturday May 7 and Saturday May 21 from 11-3pm.

More info on 020 8853 3730



SOLD ON THE RIVER: some of Terry's work is for sale

Free latest local events sign up for e-alerts at: www.greenwich.gov.uk/ealerts



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Ravensbourne shortlisted for top architects' award

RAVENSBOURNE'S new campus at Greenwich Peninsula has been shortlisted for the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Awards for London 2011. The list includes 55 schemes, from a total of 114 submitted entries. The final award winners will be announced at a ceremony at the Victoria & Albert on the May 19.

Ravensbourne director Professor Robin Baker told GT: "We are delighted that Ravensbourne's new building has been shortlisted in this prestigious awards scheme. We are very proud of our stunning new campus, and for it to be recognised in this way confirms the quality and ingenuity of Foreign Office Architects' design. "This new building has

positively transformed Ravensbourne, enabling us to develop both as a higher education institution and as a dynamic destination for innovation and enterprise meeting the demands of the UK economy." As well as regular RIBA Awards, the region confirmed three special awards: RIBA London Building of the Year, the

English Heritage Award for Sustaining the Historic Environment and the Design for London Client of the Year Award. All shortlisted schemes are eligible for these distinctions and will be considered as part of the final process. RIBA Awards in London 2011 is supported by Design for London, English Heritage and Ordnance Survey.

They've got us all in stitches

Launch of the Greenwich Embroideries book

by Pat Greenwood

THE threads of the Greenwich community were drawn tighter when a crowd of over 100 turned up for a special event.

It was the grand launch of 'Stitches in Time', the illustrated story of the making of eight panels of embroidery to celebrate 2,000 years of borough history.

The event took place at the Greenwich Heritage Centre on the Woolwich Arsenal, where different sections of the needlework tour-de-force are now on perpetual display, for general visitors and school parties to wonder at.

The Greenwich Millennium Embroideries - depicting everything from Celtic and Roman times to the 20th century - are summed up in the book as "a joyous victory for women's art."

The four-year community project was started by a dedicated group of enthusiasts who were meeting every Friday at the old Greenwich Borough Museum in Plumstead High Street. They worked under the guidance of Blackheath-born Maureen Black, who originally studied painting, lithography and embroidery at Goldsmiths School of Art, and who later founded Greenwich Printmakers' Association.

Maureen, who travelled from her Brighton home for the book launch, told everyone: "Perhaps today is the final stitch of the saga."

She added: "There seem to be so many threads to it - not just embroidery, but also the people who have been involved ...strong, silken and woollen threads."

Maureen, like the book, paid tribute to the late Beverley Burford, the first manager of Greenwich Heritage Centre, who got the project off the ground when she was Curator of the Borough Museum. Beverley wasn't able to



WORKING THE TAPESTRY:
The book itself

helping her co-editor Mary-Jane to convert the available evidence - including the embroidery group's attendance register - into the story of the project.

Mayor of Greenwich Barbara Barwick, who attended the launch party, told guests: "I have always been passionate about Greenwich - but this makes me more passionate when you see how much is packed into these panels."

She added: "I can't wait to start looking at the book."

●**STITCHES in Time**, price £15, is available from Greenwich Heritage Centre and the Tourist Information Office in Greenwich town centre, as well as the Age Exchange project in Blackheath Village, and some local shops. Ring the Heritage Centre on 020-8854 2452 for more details about the Greenwich Millennium Embroideries. The centre also sells postcards of each of the different panels.

THREADS OF SUPPORT:
Community embroiderers and their friends at the launch

Taxi trek fundraiser

INTREPID Greenwich resident Adam Fenton and two friends are thinking small - to raise big money for charity. They plan to take part in a two-week "junket" of small vehicles called mototaxis in May, racing from Puno in Southern Peru to Ayabaca in the north of the country, near the Ecuadorian border.

They'll be doing the challenge to raise money for a world-wide charity called Practical Action. It uses simple technology to try to transform lives, and one of its current projects involves helping farmers in Peru.

Adam and his friends Avi Bagchi and Moira Eyres believe that their journey will take them across some of the least hospitable geography on earth. They may also reach altitudes of up to 4,500 metres.

Adam, 31, who works in computers, is an occasional cyclist who has pedaled through Greenwich Park.

He says: "There's a big hill in the park, but it's not quite the Andes mountain-range!"

He also points out that they'll be racing in "the smallest, most impractical vehicle available in the continent of South America."

He's only seen pictures of it so far.

He explained: "Imagine a couple of motorbikes then stick an old uncomfortable sofa on the back of them and you end up with a mototaxi!"

The three are calling themselves "The Incaredibles".

Adam told us: "Our challenge, although extremely difficult, and dangerous in parts, is off-beat and fun in its impracticalities."

He's asking for GT readers' support.

He says: "I sincerely believe that this is a journey that we should be sharing with others. If any local companies come forward to back us, we'll put their logo on our T-shirts and on the mototaxi."

The trio's website is <http://www.theincaredibles.com/>

and anyone who wants to support them can follow the links in their blog: <http://theincaredibles.blogspot.com/>

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Donate, don't dump, says hospice

BUSINESSES are being urged to hold a 'Donate, Don't Dump' day to help raise funds for Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice in Abbey Wood.

Betty Sorrell, retail manager at the hospice, got the idea after hearing about a similar initiative on TV.

"The idea is for staff to bring in at least one good quality item that we can sell in our shops," said Betty. "Donated items can be gift-aided too which means that we are able to claim back an additional 28p from the Inland Revenue to increase the item's value by 28per cent.

"Our 15 hospice shops play a vital role, not only in raising vital funds but also in enhancing our profile throughout the Greenwich and Bexley Boroughs. Last year they raised £1,197,000 which is about a third

of the fundraising total needed each year to provide our specialist palliative care and support services to the people of Greenwich and Bexley."

To arrange a donation day, or for more information, call Betty Sorrell on 020-8319 9237 or e-mail betty.sorrell@gbch.org.uk. Donations can also be made to hospice shops, which are listed on www.communityhospice.org.uk/shops

Quaggy talent

ANY singers, dancers, comedians or entertainers looking for a chance to perform are invited to contact the organiser of Quaggy Carnival. The event, on the Deptford/Greenwich borders, takes place this year on July 2 from noon until 5pm. Find out more now from Angela on 020-8465 9785.



PICK AND CHOOSE: Eltham Hill pupils collected 14 bags of waste from streets near their school

In the bag

Pupils join council street cleaners for big tidy up challenge

by Pat Greenwood

EAGLE-EYED litter-pickers from Eltham Hill Technology College for Girls worked alongside council staff to fill 14 bags with freshly-discarded street-waste - within hours of the workers doing their daily morning-sweep.

The rubbish thrown away was mainly food and drink containers and cigarette packets and stubs.

The special patrol by pupils and other volunteers went out from their college up to the cross-roads by the parish church and back.

It was part of Eltham Hill pupils' ongoing commitment to a challenge called "The Big Tidy up", part of the "Keep Britain Tidy" campaign.

Sharon Swan, the college's Action on Waste Co-ordinator, told GT: "The girls were astonished by the amount of litter collected."

She added: "We were accompanied by a representative from the council and two of the team who sweep Eltham Hill on a regular basis.

"We hope that this demonstration by our students will encourage others to dispose of litter responsibly."

The pupils, from Years 7 and 8, plan to repeat the exercise again soon, hoping to see a big improvement.

Sharon told us: "Over 22,000 community groups nationally have already signed up for the Big Tidy Up campaign.

"Our students wanted to be involved because they were concerned about the

amount of litter being dropped in the streets and the sometimes incorrect assumption that young people were to blame for this.

"We felt that, if young people were seen participating in campaigns such as this, it would encourage all members of the community to think twice before dropping litter."

Eltham Hill Technology College for Girls have set up an accredited programme - complete with illustrated website - called "Action on Waste".

Their aim is to promote the message of "reduce, reuse and recycle" in school.

A total of 17 students, two staff members and one governor attended one day's training last autumn to work with an environmental charity called "Global Action Plan", which is encouraging community groups, businesses, charities and schools across the country to do their bit to reduce the amount of landfill waste.

The team also carried out a "waste audit" to measure how much their school is producing, and how well it's recycling. They're planning to do another report at the end of this year.

The Global Action Plan charity has also shown them how to make colourful wallets from one-litre juice cartons. These are often covered in wax and lined with foil which cannot be recycled.

The "Action on Waste" team is also encouraging pupils, staff, parents and governors to recycle their dead batteries at the school.

● Find out more by visiting http://www.elthamhill.greenwich.sch.uk/ehc_2009/aow/projects.aspx

**London Borough of Greenwich
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Development Planning, Crown Building 5th Floor, 48 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6HQ
or at the library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 13/04/2011

Steve Pallett - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity For Planning Applications

Applicant: **Mrs Singer** 11/0499/F
33 ROAN STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9JY

Development: Construction of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage into habitable room.
Drawing Numbers: 04162.02.2008 Rev B, Design & Access Statement, Planning Statement and site plan.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: **Clare Gibbons Thames Water Utilities Ltd** 11/0534/EIA
THAMES TUNNEL PROJECT, GREENWICH, SE10

Development: Scoping Opinion for the upgrade of London's sewerage system.
Drawing Numbers: Scoping Report: Part A Overview, Scoping Report: Part B Scoping Results and Scoping Report: Part C Appendices.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN
Conservation Area:

Applicant: **Mr & Mrs O'Rahilly** 11/0595/F
105 BLACKHEATH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 0EX

Development: Demolition of existing dwelling and Construction of a 2-storey, detached house with basement and detached garage/carport (Resubmission).
Drawing Numbers: 6100g, b110g, b120h, b122g, b123g, b121g(Site Location plan), Design and Access Statement, Development Site Report and Allocated Drawing Nos: 01, 02, 03 & 04.
Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK

Applicant: **Mr M Williamson** 11/0597/F
THE BUNGALOW, BLACKHEATH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 0HB

Development: Demolition of existing building and construction of a 4-bed dwelling (Opposite Blackheath Park Conservation Area). (Resubmission)
Drawing Numbers: 100P(Site location plan), Design and Access Statement including Plans and Photographs, Tree Report and Letter-dated 21 March 11.
Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT
Conservation Area:

Applicant: **Mr J.A. Macedo** 11/0634/F
44 PELTON ROAD, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9AH

Development: Installation of replacement timber windows.
Drawing Numbers: 44-PL-01, Design & Access Statement and Site Location Plan.
Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL
Conservation Area: EAST GREENWICH

Applicant: **Mr David Culver** 11/0659/F
8 NORTH PARK, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5AP

Development: Construction of a first floor side extension.
Drawing Numbers: 11.03.01 and Design and Access Statement.
Library: Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2HA
Conservation Area: ELTHAM PALACE

Publicity for Listed Building Consent

Applicant: **Greenwich Hospital** 11/0765/L
BEACHCOMBER, 34 GREENWICH CHURCH STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9BL

Development: Painting of shop front.
Drawing Numbers: Photograph and Site Location Plan.
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH
Listed Building: Grade 2

Publicity for Conservation Area Consent

Applicant: **Mr & Mrs O'Rahilly** 11/0596/C
105 BLACKHEATH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 0EX

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Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK

Working knowledge

New job clubs help locals into employment

A NEW all-supportive club to get Greenwich job-seekers up the last rung of the ladder to employment is launching in Eltham on May 3.

It's the first Work Club in the borough for up to 12 people, and it will run from 10.30am until 12.30pm every Tuesday for 12 weeks in the Teen Zone at the Eltham Centre library in Archery Road.

Sister-clubs are due to start the week after on Mondays. The one at Plumstead Library in Plumstead High Street will run from 10.30am until 12.30pm, and the other will be at Abbey Wood Library in Eynsham Drive from 2pm until 4pm.

By mid-summer, there will be a fourth club running at Greenwich Council's new Woolwich Centre in Wellington Street, which is due to open its doors in July.

It's hoped that other clubs will be set up later in Charlton and in East Greenwich.

Greenwich is one of the first boroughs to pilot the new-look approach to helping people who are "almost there" - having drafted a CV and gone through some appropriate training - to get a job.

The Work Clubs, which have government support, are being launched by GLLaB, the Greenwich local labour and business initiative, in partnership with Library Services, Jobcentre Plus and Volunteer Centre Greenwich.

Each club session will offer a chance to use the library's computers and newspapers for job searching, as well as enabling people to network with each other. Expert advisors will also be on hand to give help and advice.

And there'll be regular speakers from organisations like Greenwich Community College and the Volunteer Centre Greenwich. There will be workshops in topics like CV writing and marketing your talents, and 'mock' interviews to polish interview techniques.

Jobseekers will also have access to other support services like welfare rights, financial advice, and the borough's Family Information Service (FIS).

● Find out more from your local library or by calling GLLaB in Woolwich any weekday on 020-8317 7960 (Closed for lunch between 12.30pm and 1.30pm).

Expression of Interest: Universal Youth Provision

Greenwich Council invites organisations to express an interest in tendering for delivery of its universal youth provision from January 2012- March 2015.

Funding from March 2013 will be dependent on a full review of performance and funding available. The annual value of the tender will be approximately £1.5million. Providers are asked to express interest in one or more of the following contracts that make up the tender:

- Delivery of universal youth services in one or more of four geographical quadrants of the borough for young people aged 10 -19 (and up to 25 for young people with learning disabilities and difficulties).
- Management of four weeks of Summer Uni provision offering activities for 10-19 year olds (up to 25 years of age for LDD)
- Specialised provision for disabled young people. This will include some year round provision (ages 11 - 25) and up to

four weeks of full-time summer provision (ages 11-19).

The specification will include a requirement to build on local knowledge, relationships and workforce.

Normal TUPE rules will apply to the relevant parts of the Council's workforce. To express your interest in tendering for one or more contracts, or if you are interested in working with a lead provider to deliver an element of these services, please follow the link below:

www.greenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich/Business/ContractsAndProcurement/

Expressions of interest will need to be submitted by 3 May 2011.

Pre Qualifying Questionnaires will be issued by 4 May with a closing date for completion of 1 June.

www.greenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich/Business/ContractsAndProcurement/



2012 morning meet

REPRESENTATIVES from LOCOG give an update on preparations for the 2012 Games at a business networking event on Tuesday, April 19, from 7.30am - 9am at Blackheath Sports Club, The Rectory Field, Charlton Road, Blackheath. costs £15 which includes buffet breakfast. Tel 020-8317 3365 or email office@selondonchamber.org

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH AND NEWHAM The Greenwich (Prescribed Routes) (No. 151) Traffic Order 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council, with the consent of Newham Borough Council, on 8th April 2011 made the above-mentioned Order under sections 5 and 7 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The Order will come into operation on 20th April 2011.
2. The general effect of the Order will be to prevent pedestrians crossing the Woolwich Foot Tunnel at such times as it is necessary for the purpose of avoiding the likelihood of danger to persons using the tunnel or for the clearing, maintenance, repair, improvement or reconstruction of the tunnel.
3. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation at Greenwich Borough Council on 020 8921 5576.
4. The Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order is made at the following offices:
 - (a) Greenwich Borough Council, Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Crown Building, 46 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich, SE18 6HQ; and
 - (b) Newham Borough Council, Reception, East Ham Town Hall, Barling Road, East Ham, E6 2EP.
5. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order or of any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the power conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply for that purpose to the High Court.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation,
Greenwich Borough Council
Crown Building,
46 Woolwich New Road,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 12th April 2011
(INTERNAL REF: 151/00007)



LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 16A RACE FOR LIFE - CHARITY RUN TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS - SATURDAY 7th MAY 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order, subject to the consent of the Secretary of State for Transport, to temporarily close certain roads and impose restrictions on the movements of vehicles and pedestrians to facilitate the staging of the "Race for Life" charity event on the Greenwich Peninsula. The effect of the Order would be, between 9.00am and midday on Saturday 7th May 2011, to temporarily:
 - (a) prohibit vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purpose of loading or unloading) on:
 - (i) East Parkside;
 - (ii) Edmund Bailey Way, between Thames Path and West Parkside; and
 - (iii) West Parkside, between John Harrison Way and Edmund Bailey Way;
 - (b) prohibit vehicles from waiting (including waiting for the purpose of loading or unloading) in John Harrison Way, between Thames Path and West Parkside;
 - (c) prohibit postal cycles from entering or proceeding on Thames Path between John Harrison Way and Draydon Road;
 - (d) prohibit pedestrians, if necessary, from entering or proceeding on:
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The claw draw

CAPTAIN'S ORDERS: Christian Dailly is sent off



IN clement conditions, which nailed the lie that it always rains in (Greater) Manchester, Oldham (15th) and Charlton (12th) collaborated in what we once wearily endured as end-of-season fare served up by mid-table sides with little interest left in the season.

These days, the inspired introduction of play-offs at both ends of the league has made the meaningful fixture all but redundant though these rag-tag sides slipped through the cracks to roll back the years.

To be fair, though, it wasn't really all that bad. And of the two Athletics, it was Charlton who ended up more pleased with their point. They dug in stoutly for 55 minutes after skipper Christian Dailly was sent off, survived numerous scrapes and emerged with a little something to show for their honest toil.

Dailly's third dismissal of the season was indisputable. The victim of a dangerously high kick from Reuben Reid, he bone-headedly retaliated two yards from a referee, who awarded him a free kick and proceeded to book Reid. As a vastly experienced professional, he will need no reminding that his bang-to-rights offence was impossible to defend. With a five-game ban looming, Dailly's season is effectively over.

Faced with a morale-sapping handicap, manager Chris Powell responded sensibly. On came centre back Jonathan Fortune to replace wide left midfielder Therry Racon, himself the lucky recipient of a yellow card for

almost disembowelling tricky winger Chris Taylor. Backs-to-the-wall was clearly the revised order of the day.

Before his premature departure, Racon wasted Charlton's best chance of the game. Sent clear of a pursuing posse by the combination of Paul Benson's quickwitted backheel and Bradley Wright-Phillips perceptive through pass, the midfielder shot on the run but was foiled by Dean Brill's grasp of angles and prudently outstretched leg.

For the low-key Latics, meanwhile, Oumara Tounkara was inches short of contact with Taylor's hard-driven cross after Reid had neatly eluded the attentions of rock-like Gary Doherty.

Dailly's dismissal dictated the flow of one-way second half traffic in the direction of impressive debutant John Sullivan's goal. A minute after the break, left back Cedric Evina danced brilliantly through three challenges, drew a bead on the far corner with a firm low crossshot, which Sullivan, at full length, tipped to safety.

With the tide threatening to engulf the depleted visitors, Michael Stewart resourcefully scraped Reid's shot-cum-centre off the line, before Ritchie Jones' stooping header sent Evina's cross narrowly too high. Jones tried again with a fierce 25-yard drive inches wide of the left post.

There was no respite for the Addicks, with Evina forcing another plunging save from Sullivan with a ferocious shot. Centre back Jean-Yves M'Voto followed by squandering two headed

chances, the first glanced weakly wide, the second incredibly nodded into Sullivan's hands from five yawning yards.

The pressure was relentless but the Addicks showed, as at Bournemouth recently, that they are capable of bloodminded resistance at times. An admirable obstinacy sustained them, with strikers Benson and Wright-Phillips selflessly dedicating themselves to the common cause of defence. Scott Wagstaff lent determined support to Chris Solly's grim battle with the elusiveness of Taylor, Doherty defended heroically while Jose Semedo, upon inheriting the captain's armband from Dailly, led doggedly from the front.

Under the 10-man circumstances, this was a satisfactory result but certainly no more than that. Although Oldham would cheerfully concede that they belong among League One's lightweights, their two draws with Charlton feature among regular setbacks at the hands of sides it's charitable to describe as moderate. Fact is, Charlton haven't been good enough. Not nearly good enough.

Oldham (4-3-3): Brill, Lee, Hazell, M'Voto. Evina, Taylor, Jones, Furman, White (Alessandra, 90), Tounkara, Reid. Not used: Todd, Feeney, Millar, Gerrard, Tarkowski, Winchester.

Charlton (4-4-2): Sullivan, Solly, Doherty, Dailly (sent off), Bessone, Wagstaff, Semedo, Stewart (McCormack, 90), Racon (Fortune, 37), Benson, Wright-Phillips (Nouble, 81). Not used: Gough, Francis, Reid, Eccleston.

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